GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2149
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNEMPLOYED YOUTH
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of unemployed youth has increased in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) the number of unemployed youth who could not be provided jobs through employment exchanges during the said period;

(d) the number of youth provided with jobs in the Government and Private sectors during the last years, State-wise; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase employment opportunities in the country especially in Rajasthan and progress achieved during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

a), b) & c) The number of job-seekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, on the Live Register of Employment Exchanges as on December 31st , 1998, 1999 & 2000 were of the order of 401 lakh, 404 lakh and 413 lakh respectively.

d) Data in respect of employment obtained by youth through various sources are not maintained. However placement made through employment exchanges is available. Only a fraction of the total job vacancies are filled up through Employment Exchanges. State-wise placement made by Employment Exchanges during 1998, 1999 and 2000 is given in the Annexure.

e) The planning for employment generation is a part of the five-year Plans. The Approach to the Ninth Plan envisaged productive employment in the growth process itself by concentrating on sectors, sub-sectors and technologies which are labour intensive, in regions characterized by higher rates of unemployment and underemployment.

Government is also implementing special programmes for eradication of poverty and generation of employment. The major poverty alleviation programmes, which provide employment in the rural areas, are Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana, Jawahar Gram Samriddhi Yojana and Employment Assurance Scheme. In the urban areas, Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) is in operation since 1.12.97, which also seeks to provide gainful employment to the poor. Prime Minister`s Rozgar Yojana is being implemented to provide employment opportunities to educated unemployed youths in both rural and urban areas. These schemes have also helped in employment generation in Rajasthan.

The total employment in the country which was of the order of 374.45 million during 1993-94 has gone up to 397.00 million during 1999-2000.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2149 FOR REPI 6.8.2001.

S.No. State/U.T. Placement effected by the Employment Exchanges during (in thousands)

	1998	1999	2000
1. Andhra Pradesh	10.6	10.6	4.7
2 Arunachal Pradesh	@	@	@
3 Assam	2.9	1.4	1.3
4 Bihar	13.0	11.8	7.4
5 Goa	1.1	0.4	0.3
6 Gujarat	67.4	65.2	69.4

7	Haryana	13.4	7.1	4.7
8	Himachal Pradesh	3.4	4.4	2.3
9	Jammu & Kashmir	0.2	@	2.8
10	Karnataka	20.0	21.5	8.5
11	Kerala	16.3	22.4	16.8
12	Madhya Pradesh	5.9	3.8	3.9
13	Maharashtra	15.2	15.6	17.4
14	Manipur	0.1	0.1	@
15	Meghalaya	0.2	0.2	0.2
16	Mizoram	0.1	0.2	0.3
17	Nagaland	0.1	@	0.1
18	Orissa	3.9	4.8	2.3
19	Punjab	2.0	1.8	2.4
20	Rajasthan	5.3	4.9	1.6
21	Sikkim +			
22	Tamil Nadu	18.4	19.6	13.2
23	Tripura	1.3	1.4	0.9
24	Uttar Pradesh	7.7	4.1	4.0
25	West Bengal	6.1	13.3	11.7
26	A & Nicobar Islands	0.3	0.6	0.3
27	Chandigarh	0.9	0.4	0.5
28	D & N Haveli	0.1	@	@
29	Delhi	16.9	5.3	0.3
30	Daman & Diu	0.1	@	@
31	Lakshadweep	0.2	0.1	@
32	Pondicherry	0.1	0.2	0.2
	All India	233.3	221.3	177.7

Note:

+ No Employment Exchange is functioning in this State.

Total may not tally due to rounding off.

@ Figures less than fifty.